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I find the proposed antitrust settlement with Microsoft tries but fails to demand that Microsoft do more to open up its APIs to competitors. The fine print makes it clear that Microsoft could pretty much continue with business as usual.

A more effective remedy would be one that required Microsoft to standardize and publicize the entire set of Windows APIs and the file formats of its Office applications (another key to Microsoft's monopoly "lock-in") -- with the express goal of allowing competitors to build Windows software applications, and operating systems, that compete with Microsoft on a level field.

Please consider this when making your decision.

Thanks,

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p.s. the text of this letter was taken from the article that Scott Rosenberg wrote in Salon.

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